

REMARKS

The Examiner is kindly requested to reopen prosecution and enter the present amendment.

Claims 3, 6, 9, and 12 stand as being allowed over the prior art of record. Reference is made to the office action dated 10-19-2006. The present amendment is submitted, after a decision on appeal, to place the application in condition for immediate allowance. By this amendment, claims 3, 6, 9, and 12 have been rewritten as independent claims, and the remaining claims cancelled. Accordingly, the application is ready for immediate allowance.

Since the amendment obviously places the application in condition for allowance, it is appropriate for the amendment to be entered, even without the filing of a Request for Continued Examination. See MPEP 1214.07.

Respectfully Submitted,



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